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GOVERNOR

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LT. GOVERNOR

August 20, 2010

Secretary Raymond H. LaHood  
Secretary of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Iowa DOT TIGER II Discretionary Grant request for Multimodal Quality of Life Improvements for I-74 in Bettendorf and Davenport, Iowa

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am pleased to express my support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's (DOT) application for TIGER II funding for Multimodal Quality of Life Improvements for Interstate 74 (I-74) in Bettendorf and Davenport, Iowa. This project involves reconstruction of mainline I-74 from Middle Road through the Spruce Hills Road interchange and several other components, including the replacement of bridges of Duck Creek and new accommodations for pedestrians at Middle Road and Spruce Drive. Proposed noise abatement systems are being evaluated and aesthetic features, such as lighting, will be incorporated into the project.

The project is included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the 2010-2014 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program.

I encourage your full consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

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Chester J. Culver  
Governor of Iowa

Cc: Nancy Richardson, DOT



# Iowa Department of Transportation

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August 13, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary  
U.S. of the Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Iowa DOT TIGER II Discretionary Grant request for Multimodal Quality  
of Life Improvements for I-74 in Bettendorf and Davenport, Iowa

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I respectfully request your consideration of the Iowa Department of Transportation's (DOT) application for discretionary TIGER II grant funding for Multimodal Quality of Life Improvements for Interstate 74 (I-74) in Bettendorf and Davenport, Iowa. This project involves reconstruction of mainline I-74 from Middle Road through the Spruce Hills Road interchange and several other components, including the replacement of bridges over Duck Creek and new accommodations for pedestrians at Middle Road and Spruce Drive. Proposed noise abatement systems are being evaluated and aesthetic features, such as lighting, will be incorporated into the project.

The project is included in the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) and the 2010-2014 Iowa Transportation Improvement Program.

Should you have any questions or need additional information about this project, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Nancy J. Richardson  
Director

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1502

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August 19, 2010

Honorable Ray LaHood, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re. Iowa DOT TIGER II grant request for Multi-modal quality of life improvements for I-74 in Bettendorf and Davenport, Iowa

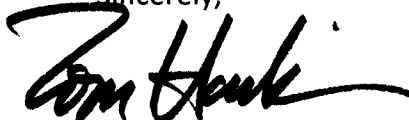
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These improvements are part of the larger I-74 bridge corridor project, which is a collaborative effort involving the Iowa DOT, the Illinois DOT and many other groups. The TIGER II funds requested would move this project forward and improve multi-modal access at key intersections.

I respectfully urge your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,



Tom Harkin  
United States Senator

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August 9, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood  
Secretary of the Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re. Iowa DOT TIGER II grant request for Multi-modal quality of life improvements for I-74 in Bettendorf and Davenport, Iowa

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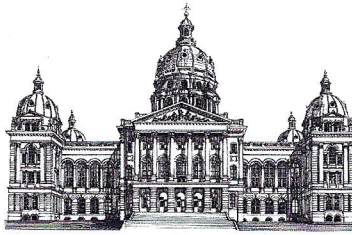
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Sincerely,

Bruce L. Braley  
Member of Congress



**Cindy Winckler**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
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August 8, 2010

The Honorable Ray LaHood  
Secretary of the Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re. Iowa DOT TIGER II grant request for Multi-modal quality of life improvements for I-74 in Bettendorf and Davenport, Iowa

Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the Iowa Department of Transportation's (Iowa DOT) application for TIGER II grant funding for multi-modal quality of life improvements for I-74 in Bettendorf and Davenport, Iowa.

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Cindy Winckler  
State Representative



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August 17, 2010

Ms. Nancy Richardson, Director  
Iowa Department of Transportation  
800 Lincoln Way  
Ames, Iowa 50010

Dear Director Richardson:

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Once reconstructed, the I-74 Bridge will be the most reliable Mississippi River Crossing in the Iowa/Illinois bi-state area. The I-74 Bridge Corridor has regional significance, providing access to regional hospital systems, commercial centers and cultural facilities. In addition, the corridor serves as an important link to the Rock Island Arsenal, one of the nations' only armories.

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Sincerely,



Mike Freemire, Chair  
Bi-State Regional Commission

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*Mayor  
Donald P. Welvaert*

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August 5, 2010

Congressman Phil Hare  
428 – Cannon HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Hare:

On behalf of the City of Moline and the citizens of the entire Quad Cities metropolitan area, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have demonstrated in funding for the I-74 Bridge replacement project. Because of your continuing efforts and commitment, this project has received over \$83 million in federal funding to date, with additional funding under consideration.

Please know that this I-74 Bridge Replacement project remains the number 1 regional transportation priority for the City of Moline, the City of Bettendorf, Iowa, and the entire Quad Cities Region. The present bridge was designed and built to handle less than 50,000 vehicles a day, but is currently carrying 78,000 vehicles per day. Twenty percent (20%) of the workforce crosses over this bridge to and from work and home every day of the work week. Crashes along the I-74 Bridge Corridor exceed three (3) times the national average for similar corridors. The existing bridge is functionally obsolete and does not meet Interstate standards.

While there exists many people in the Quad Cities who publicly support the idea of establishing passenger rail service to Chicago and there are plans for building an Amtrak Station here in Moline, the I-74 Bridge Replacement Project remains the community's and region's number 1 transportation improvement priority. Please understand, this new bridge is our greatest need. Know that this is clearly the community's most important transportation need because it is so vital to the region's economy.

Thank you for your attention, it is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Donald P. Welvaert, Mayor  
City of Moline, Illinois

cc: Representative Bruce Braley



*Mayor*  
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August 5, 2010

Senator Dick Durbin  
309 Hart Senate Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Durbin:

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Donald P. Welvaert, Mayor  
City of Moline, Illinois



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July 28, 2010

Ms. Nancy Richardson, Director  
Iowa Department of Transportation  
800 Lincoln Way  
Ames, Iowa 50010

Dear Director Richardson:

We support the Tiger II funding grant application for the Iowa DOT request to improve the I-74 Bridge Corridor. The funding will continue to move the I-74 Bridge Corridor project forward as expeditiously as possible and position the project for significant additional funding from both State and Federal sources for construction in the next transportation act. The request is for \$78,400,000 and will serve multimodal access at key intersections in the corridor while improving quality of life now and in the future.

We appreciate the work being completed by both the Iowa and Illinois Departments of Transportation for the I-74 Iowa-Illinois Corridor Study. Since 2001, over \$85 million dollars have been provided for environmental work, preliminary design, final design, right-of-way acquisition and reconstruction of interchanges in the I-74 Corridor. The NEPA work had been completed and the Record of Decision for the project was received in April 2009. The final design is under way and will be finished by the third quarter of 2012. This demonstrates long term bipartisan legislative support for the project.

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Adequate Mississippi River Crossing capacity is imperative to meet long-term transportation needs and maintain the economic viability of the eastern Iowa and western Illinois. We hope that you will consider this letter as our support for the I-74 Bridge Corridor Project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Esther J. Dean, Chairperson  
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cc: Federal Legislators

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July 30, 2010

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Iowa Department of Transportation  
800 Lincoln Way  
Ames, Iowa 50010

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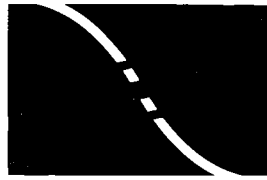
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Sincerely,

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Chris Gallin, Chair  
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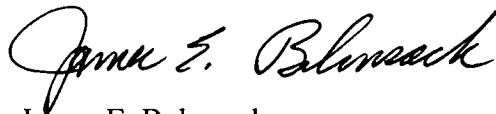
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James E. Bohnsack  
County Board Chairman

JEB/sc



August 17, 2010

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Bill Gluba, MAYOR

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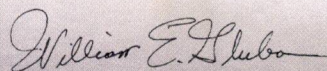
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Sincerely,



William E. Gluba  
Mayor







Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

July 28, 2010

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Iowa Department of Transportation  
800 Lincoln Way  
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Dennis E. Pauley  
Mayor  
City of Rock Island

cc: Federal Legislators



July 30, 2010

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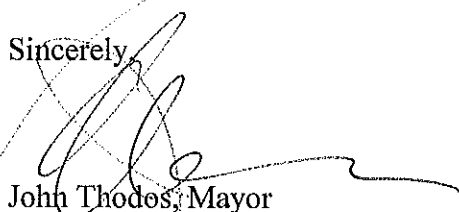
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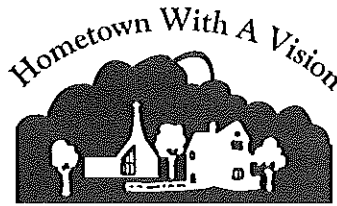
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John Thodos, Mayor  
City of East Moline, IL

cc: Federal Legislators  
Bi-State Regional Commission



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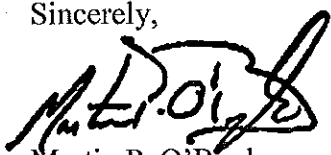
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Martin P. O'Boyle  
Mayor

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August 6, 2010

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Iowa Department of Transportation  
800 Lincoln Way  
Ames, Iowa 50010

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Thank you for full consideration of this request.

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Rick Baker  
President/CEO  
Illinois Quad City Chamber